

REMARKS

Applicant has considered all points made by the examining attorney in the Office Action and has responded to same in order to ensure compliance with the applicable rules.

The examining attorney has allowed claim 1.

The examining attorney has determined that claims 7-9, 12, 14, and 16 are allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has so rewritten claims 7-9, 12, 14, and 16 and thanks the examining attorney for the allowed claims.

Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten to depend from allowable claim 7 and, therefore, are also allowable. Rejected claims 2-6, 13, 15, and 17-21.

Claim 22 was apparently not reviewed by the examining attorney. Applicant asserts that claim 22 should be allowable as it is the method equivalent of allowable claim 7.

The Applicant requests a telephone call if there are any problems associated with this Response, as this Response is believed to put the case in condition for allowance.

At this time and in view of Applicant's amendments and arguments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

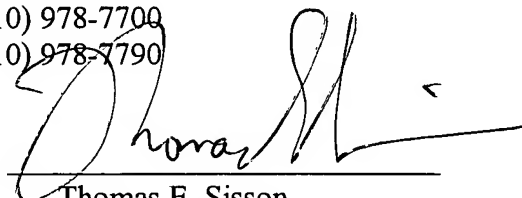
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